



*Introducing you to...*

## **Followers of Jesus School**

What kind of education do you want for your child? The primary purpose of FJS as expressed in our Mission Statement is "Followers of Jesus School exists to provide a quality, academic education, from an Anabaptist perspective, to Christian families in the Cypress Hills community. Our mission is to partner with parents in equipping their children to become lifetime learners who embrace Truth and who become servant-leaders." More specifically, that means several things to us. (1) We are concerned that each child learns to know Jesus Christ as his/her own personal Lord and Savior. (2) We believe that students need to grow in faith, learning how to live lives of integrity and make godly choices in our secular, urban society. (3) FJS is a Mennonite School with its roots in the Anabaptist movement of the reformation. We unapologetically teach our Anabaptist distinctives of a life that is non-conformed to the world and endeavors to live at peace with all mankind. (4) We provide a quality, basic academic education, which prepares students for college entrance or employment after high school.

In January 1997, Followers of Jesus Mennonite Church decided to start a small school where history, science, language – in fact, all of the subjects – are related to God and his truth, where we are free to teach moral principles based on the Bible, where we can pray with and for the students. To provide a quality, well-rounded, yet affordable education, we use a blend of conventional classroom instruction and individualized, self-paced print, video, and online materials. FJS is a multi-cultural school with a multi-ethnic faculty. While two-thirds of the students have a Caribbean or Latin American heritage, the most accurate description is that most of our kids are multiethnic. Students also come from a variety of economic and social backgrounds. This diversity is one of the strengths of FJS as students learn to appreciate and affirm each other as the unique individuals God has made them to be.

During the '97-98 school year FJS had 17 students enrolled with two teachers and several part-time staff. Recently the school had over 50 students with five teachers in grades 1-12. FJS is registered as a nonpublic, religious school with the NYC Board of Education and the NYS Board of Regents and is authorized by them to administer Regents Examinations and award NYS Regents diplomas to qualifying graduates. Additionally, students take the NY State Testing in grades 3-8.

FJS graduates are enrolled in or have graduated from a variety of public and private colleges including Buffalo University, NYU Polytech, York College (CUNY), John Jay (CUNY), Nyack College, and Concordia College.

**Where is FJS?** 3065 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY; beside White Castle at Shepherd Ave.

### **How much does it cost?**

- \$50 registration fee per family, if registered by 31 May; add \$25.00 for each additional month (June 1-30 – \$75.00; July 1-31 – \$100.00; August 1-31 – \$125.00; after September 1 – \$150.00)
- Tuition – \$5,000 (\$500 per month per child, Sept June); \$3,600 for second child of family; \$2,200 for third child or more

**What is the daily schedule?** 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily except Wednesday (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

**Does the school provide busing and lunches?** No. Hot lunch is available one day per month for a small fee.

**How do I enroll my child?**

1. Complete the application packet.
2. An interview and testing will be scheduled.
3. You will be notified of whether or not your child is accepted.
4. Complete the enrollment information and pay the registration fee.

**How can I get more information?** Visit the FJS website at [www.fjschool.org](http://www.fjschool.org) to see photo galleries, videos, and testimonials about the school. Also visit our YouTube channel at "Followers of Jesus School" for more videos.